

September 24, 1949.

Dr. E. Montgomery,  
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Dear Dr. Montgomery:

I am sorry if my reprint and my comments thereon confused you. This publication was in press before we were able to make any tests on the "isomaltose" preparation which you so kindly provided. I was interested to determine 1) whether isomaltose could participate in the amylomaltatic synthesis, and 2) whether it would be possible to select for additional mutants which could utilize isomaltose if the originals could not. 1) seems to be answered in the negative for our present coli strains; we have not yet reached a test of 2), but hope to do so in the near future. I sent the reprint in the thought that it might suggest the use to which we proposed to put your material.

I will let you know what comes of these additional experiments, and hope that this note answers your query.

Yours sincerely,

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Assistant Professor of Genetics